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## CONNECTICUT'S AGRICULTURAL FAIR SEASON IS HERE

*Stephen Anderson, Office of the Commissioner*

Agricultural fair season has arrived once again, providing a family-friendly opportunity for residents and visitors to recognize and rejoice in the importance of Connecticut's agricultural past, present, and future.

These fairs—some dating as far back as the early 1800s—bring communities together each year to celebrate the state's agricultural achievements.

There are about 20 major fairs in Connecticut, including the Goshen Fair, North Stonington Agricultural Fair, Orange Country Fair, and the Woodstock Fair, to name just a few.

Major fairs are generally the largest fairs in the state, typically offering entertainment, amusements, rides and games, commercial exhibits, and mechanical or animal pulling events, as well as competitions and exhibits of livestock, fruits, vegetables, flowers, baked goods, needlework, handcrafts, and hobbies.

District fairs tend to be somewhat smaller than major fairs, both in size and exhibit capacity, but otherwise are similar to major fairs with respect to the competitions offered. Examples include the Hamburg Fair, Ledyard Fair, River-ton Fair, and Wapping Fair.

Connecticut is also known for its 4-H fairs (4-H stands for head, heart, hands, and health). Youth in 4-H programs manage and run these fairs for the purposes of displaying the work of 4-H members throughout the state.

4-H fairs have exhibits of livestock, fruits and vegetables, flowers, home arts, and other projects. There are several county 4-H fairs held each year, including Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex/New Haven, New London, Tolland, and Windham.

There are also a number of local fairs, which generally are run by Grange associations, tend to run only one day, and typically have smaller amounts of exhibit space. Exhibits are usually fruits and vegetables, flowers and home art projects.

The Association of Connecticut State Fairs has a comprehensive list of contests and rules, and a fair events schedule, available on their website, [www.ctagfairs.org](http://www.ctagfairs.org).

To summarize, the various contests and events held at Connecticut's fairs throughout the season include the following:

### Contests

- Quilting
- Photo
- Adult Baking
- Junior Baking

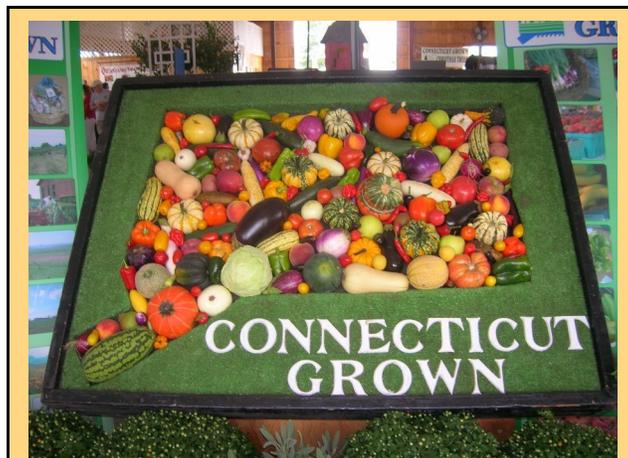
### Events

- Tractor Pull
- Antique Tractor Pull
- Garden Tractor Pull
- Mini Tractor Pull
- Demolition Derby
- Go-Kart Racing
- Lawn Mower Racing
- Horse Pulling
- Ox Pulling
- Pony Pulling
- Doodlebug Pull
- Truck Pull
- Antique Car Show
- Donkey/Mule Show
- Horse Show

### 4-H Special Events

- Open Exotic Pet Show
- Open Dog Show
- Open Draft Horse Show
- Trained Steer Course
- Equine Show

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*DoAg's Connecticut Grown produce collage is a popular display each Labor Day Weekend in the Agricultural Exhibition Building at the Woodstock Fair*

**WHOLESALE EGGLANT  
U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
CHINESE,30lb,HD	28.00	29.00
INDIAN,1-1/9bu,NJ	30.00	30.00
LONG STRPD,1-1/9bu,NJ	28.00	28.00
THAI,30lb,HD	50.00	50.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	77.00-83.00
	300-400 lbs	72.00-77.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	72.00-75.00
	300-400 lbs	66.00-68.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	65.00-69.00
	500-700 lbs	67.00-70.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	28.00-31.00

**PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS**

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.  
July 12, 2013

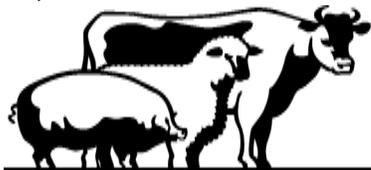
Gr US 1-2	wt21-30	136.00	154.00
	Wt45-49	132.00	134.00
	Wt57-59	130.00	131.00
	Wt61-69	123.00	135.00
	Wt70-79	105.00	130.00
	Wt86-89	100.00	129.00
	Wt90-99	98.00	110.00
	Wt108-110	99.00	103.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, July 22, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	35.00
76-90 lbs.	37.50	40.00
91-105 lbs.	42.50	45.50
106 lbs. & up	50.00	55.00
Farm Calves	60.00	65.00
Starter Calves	30.00	35.00
Veal Calves	95.00	144.00
Open Heifers	85.00	87.50
Beef Steers	80.00	124.00
Beef Heifers	85.00	88.50
Feeder Steers	81.00	85.00
Stock Bulls	81.00	95.00
Beef Bulls	91.00	110.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	65.00	175.00
Kid Goats	40.00	65.00
Canners	up to	77.50
Cutters	78.50	82.00
Utility Grade Cows	82.50	84.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	29.00
Chickens each	3.00	15.00
Ducks each	5.00	24.00
Feeder Pigs	37.50	92.50
Lambs	55.00	125.00
Sheep	50.00	72.00



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
BEAN SPROUT,5lb	14.00	14.00
BEET, 12s	16.00	18.00
BLUEBERRY,12/1pt clmshll	22.00	24.00
BLUEBERRY,12/1pt,plp	27.00	30.00
BROCCOLI,20lb	13.00	14.00
CABBAGE,rd,12ct	10.00	16.00
CABBAGE,Svy,12ct	10.00	16.00
CHERRY,rd,20lb	50.00	50.00
CHERRY,trt,20lb	55.00	55.00
CHERRY,ylw,20lb	60.00	60.00
CHIVE,1lb	8.00	8.00
COLLARD,12s	11.00	13.00
CORN,5dz	12.00	14.00
CUCUMBER,pckl,bu	25.00	30.00
CUCUMBER,spr slct,1-1/9bu	20.00	22.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	12.00	14.00
EGGPLANT,ltln,1-1/9bu	16.00	16.00
GREEN BEAN,1-1/9bu	30.00	38.00
KALE,12s	12.00	16.00
NECTARINE,22-24lb	30.00	30.00
PEACH,wht,25lb	25.00	25.00
PEACH,ylw,25lb	20.00	22.00
PEPPER,bll	16.00	18.00
PLUM,gldn,20lb	30.00	30.00
RUTABAGA,50lb	13.00	14.00
SQUASH,grn,fcy,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
SQUASH,ylw zch	20.00	20.00
SQUASH,ylw, fcy,1/2bu	20.00	22.00
SWISS CHARD,12s	16.00	18.00
TOMATO,hrm,gnhs,10lb	30.00	30.00
TURNIP,prpl tp,12s	14.00	14.00



**NORTHEAST RETAIL STORE PRICES**

July 19, 2013

	Low	High
BEAN,grn,per lb	0.99	1.98
BLUEBERRY,1pt	1.29	3.39
CHERRY,per lb,Rainer	3.99	5.99
COLLARD,per lb	0.88	1.69
CUCUMBER,ea	0.40	1.50
ONIONS,rd,per lb	0.69	0.88
PEACH,wht,per lb	0.88	2.99
PEACH,ylw,per lb	0.88	2.99
PEPPER,bll,per lb	0.88	1.99
PLUM,per lb	2.49	3.49
POTATO,rd,per lb	0.79	0.79
RASPBERRY,6oz	2.99	3.99
SQUASH,grn,per lb	0.89	1.69
SQUASH,ylw,per lb	0.99	1.69
TOMATO,per lb	0.58	1.99

**LANCASTER, PA, HAY AUCTION**

July 15, 2013

	premium	good
ALFLFA	220.00-400.00	140.00-140.00
GRASS	N/A	130.00-350.00
MXD HAY	230.00-400.00	140.00-210.00

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCT.  
AND VA CATTLE SUMMARY**

July 18, 2013

	Bulk/	High/	Low	Dressing
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>				
breakers	75-80% lean		76.00	81.50
boners	80-85% lean		75.00	79.50
lean	88-90% lean		70.00	74.05
<b>CALVES graded bull</b>				
No.1	110-128lbs		140.00	156.00
No.2	94-128lbs		150.00	179.00
No.3	100-130lbs		62.00	70.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr 1,950-1700lbs</b>				
High dressing			98.00	103.00
Avg.dressing			93.00	97.00
Low dressing			85.00	92.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>				
HiCh/Prm3-4,	1150-1400 lbs		121.00	125.00
Ch2-3,	1180-1430lbs		117.50	120.00
Sel 1-3,	1150-1375 lbs		103.50	112.50
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>				
HiCh/prm3-4,	1485-1595lbs		125.00	127.75
Ch2-3,	1180-1430lbs		120.00	124.25
Sel 2-3,	1350-1600lbs		115.00	120.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>				
HiCh/prm3-4	1450-1650lbs		109.05	110.50
Ch 2-3	1290-1595 lbs		106.50	108.50
Sel 1-3	1175-1785 lbs		100.00	104.50
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3</b>				
	40-60lbs		139.00	167.00
	60-80lbs		142.00	160.00
	80-100lbs		142.00	160.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh</b>				
	90-160lbs		56.00	68.00
	160- 200lbs		54.00	68.00
Bucks	200-300lbs		68.00	68.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.</b>				
	30-40lbs		94.00	94.00
	40-60lbs		107.00	142.00
	60-80lbs		137.00	175.00
	80-110lbs		162.00	185.00
Nannies/Does:	80-130lbs		137.00	162.00
	130-180lbs		150.00	177.00
Bucks/Billies:	150-250lbs		178.00	225.00



**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**  
Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons  
(volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.09	1.12
LARGE	1.06	1.10
MEDIUM	.80	.82

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons  
(delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.53	1.63
LARGE	1.45	1.55
MEDIUM	1.06	1.16

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### FOR SALE

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### 800+ ACRES OF FARMLAND PRESERVED AT SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL

Last week Governor Dannel P. Malloy held a bill-signing ceremony at the Southbury Training School to celebrate the enactment of [House Bill No. 6542/Public Act 13-90](#), which preserves for agricultural use, in perpetuity, more than 800 acres of farmland at this state-owned facility.

The legislation transfers care, custody, and control of the land and buildings of the Farm at Southbury Training School from the commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services to the commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, who shall grant a permanent conservation easement on the land forever limiting its use to agriculture.



Shown above, from right to left, are Senator Kane of the 32nd District, Department of Development Services Commissioner Macy, Governor Malloy, Department of Agriculture Commissioner Reviczky, Representative O'Neill of the 69th District, and Southbury First Selectman Ed Edelson at the ceremony. Below are some of the hay and vegetable fields on the property.



The Department of Agriculture will continue to make land available through an open, competitive bid process to farmers interested in dairy, pasture, hay, vegetable, fruit, maple, honey and other production. It also may pursue opportunities to establish research and demonstration plots, an incubator farm, community gardens, and more, and will continue to partner with the Department of Developmental Services to develop farming programs for clients at the Southbury Training School.

Enactment of this legislation represents preservation of the largest-ever parcel of farmland through Connecticut's farmland preservation program.



(L-R) Mike Johnson and Holly Johnson of Summer Hill Nursery spend time with Commissioner Reviczky at the CT Nursery and Landscape Association's Summer Field Day last week (photo courtesy Bob Heffernan).

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Numerous fairs also offer fair-sponsored dinners. Contests and events vary by fair, so fairgoers should check individual websites for contest and event details.

To experience the diversity of Connecticut's fairs and all they have to offer, be sure to visit not just major fairs, but the 4-H fairs, district fairs, and local fairs. Here are some fairs coming up over the next couple of weeks:

The Lebanon Country Fair, operated since 1959 by the Lebanon Lions Club, will be running August 9-11, 2013, at the Lebanon Fairgrounds, 122 Mack Road. The opening ceremony is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on August 9.

The Lebanon Country Fair is a major fair, and offers a wide array of events that include, among other attractions, magic shows; rides; entertainment; horse and oxen pulls; the Miss Lebanon Pageant; a Frisbee dog show; a pig scramble, where children ages 8-10 compete in a contest to capture 10 pigs; dirt quad drag racing; and a nail-driving contest, where men and women compete for a three-pound canned ham by seeing who can be the first to drive three nails all the way into a board.

For those in the northwest corner of the state, the Winchester Grange is holding its Grange Fair on August 10, 2013, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., on the beautiful Winchester Center Green.

The Winchester Grange Fair has many local vendors, games, entertainment, food, and a flea market. There are also exhibits of flowers, fruits and vegetables, baked goods, and collections.

The Hamburg Fair, located at the Hamburg Fairgrounds, 1 Sterling City Road in Lyme, runs August 16-18, 2013. The fair is spon-

sored by the Lyme Grange and has been running for the last 112 years.

Among its other attractions, the Hamburg Fair offers rides, entertainment, concessions, kids' games, agricultural exhibits, an oxen pull, and a blacksmith demonstration. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. on August 16.

The 77<sup>th</sup> annual Hartford County 4-H fair also will be running August 16-18, 2013, and is located at the Four Town Fairgrounds in Somers. The fair opens at 8:00 a.m. on August 16.

Among its other events during the three-day program, the fair offers various contests for livestock showmanship and breeding, and shows of livestock, horses, llamas, alpacas, and dogs. There is also live music, a barbecue dinner, a movie night, a 5K road race, and crowning of a 4-H Fair king and queen.

So what makes all these great fairs possible? A lot of hard-working volunteers and organizations, such as the Association of Connecticut Fairs, the Connecticut State Grange, and the Connecticut 4-H Program, put in countless hours throughout the year to organize and execute these events for the enjoyment of all. Oftentimes, planning for the next year's fair has begun before the current year's fair has even taken place.

For many, these fairs are their first introduction to agriculture. Connecticut's agricultural heritage is rooted in these fairs. They play a major role in the marketing of agricultural products and the businesses that support agricultural producers. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture encourages everyone in the state to support and participate in these events.

For more information about Connecticut's agricultural fair season, along with a complete schedule, please visit [www.ctagfairs.org](http://www.ctagfairs.org).



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